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Serial No. : 09/824,959

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For : MAGNETIC-TAPE RECORDING APPARATUS, MAGNETIC-TAPE RECORDING METHOD, MAGNETIC-TAPE FORMAT, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2005 having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on January 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.